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RE: Application No.: 10/680,923 - Filing Date: October 8, 2003
 Applicant(s): Peter Bongartz et al.
 Group Art Unit: 3679
 Examiner: Gregory J. Binda
 Title: Retainer Ring For Tripod Constant Velocity Joints
 Attorney Docket: 46107-0097
 Reply To Final Office Action Dated: May 26, 2005

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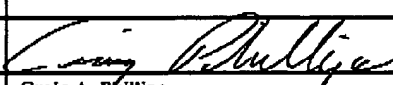
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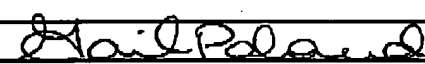
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| Application Type | FILING FEES | | SEARCH FEES | | EXAMINATION FEES | | Fees Paid(\$) |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

| Fee Description | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) |
|--|----------|-----------------------|
| Each claim over 20 (including Reissues) | 50 | 25 |
| Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues) | 200 | 100 |
| Multiple dependent claims | 360 | 180 |

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
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HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

| Indep. Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated May 26, 2005 for which the three-month shortened-statutory period for response is set to expire on August 26, 2005. Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.